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THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

FEDS SOLICIT APPLICATION FROM DETENTION CENTER

By DANIEL PERSON, Big Horn County News (11/08/07)

A "special effort" by an official with the U.S. Marshal Service may open the doors of the detention center in Hardin to federal inmates from around the country, a consultant with the agency overseeing the project said last week.

WAR BONNET RETURNED TO TRIBES

Fort Peck Journal Staff (Volume 2007, Issue 44)

An eagle feather war bonnet given to a Retired Major General of the U.S. Army in 1969 has been returned to the possession of the Fort Peck Tribes.

FPCC GETS A SHARE OF USDA AWARD

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WASHINGTON, DC - Acting Agriculture Secretary Chuck Conner announced that USDA is awarding more than \$5 million to institutions and organizations who conduct training, outreach and technical assistance to assure increased opportunities for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

IRR BENEFITS FORT PECK

By LOUIS MONTCLAIR, Fort Peck Journal (Volume 2007, Issue 44)

When the Bureau of Indian Affairs controlled road construction, work could only go as far as the fiscal year

before employees were laid off. The fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

BLACKFEET TRIBE, BIA WORKING ON 638 TAKEOVER OF THE FIRE CACHE

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (11/14/07)

"The Tribe asked us to put a 638 application package together," explained Tyson Running Wolf, Oct. 25, at the Tribal Conference Room in Browning. The meeting was held with Bureau of Indian Affairs officials from both the local and regional offices, with the BIA experts offering technical assistance in the Blackfeet Tribe's efforts to take over the BIA Fire Cache through a 638 program.

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT PROMOTES A DAY OF SMOKEFREE AIR FOR ALL MONTANANS

Glacier Reporter (11/14/07)

Thursday, Nov. 15, marks the 31st Anniversary of the Great American Smokeout - an annual day of action promoted by the American Cancer Society that challenges people to stop using tobacco, if only for one day. The day raises awareness of the many effective ways to quit for good.

CLOSING THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP

by: Editors Report / Indian Country Today© (11/09/07)

American Indians, and other minority groups of color, are significantly less wealthy than white American citizens. According to a recent University of Michigan research

report, the wealth gap between poor and rich in the United States continues to increase. Over the last 20 years, the average net worth of the top 2 percent of richest Americans doubled from about \$1 million to more than \$2 million. The poorest Americans, however, were worse off in 2005 than they were in 1984.

CLINTON PRESENTS PLAN FOR NATIVE AMERICA

by: JERRY REYNOLDS / Indian Country Today© (11/09/07)

WASHINGTON - Sen. Hillary Clinton made her most concerted bid yet for the nationwide Native vote in next year's presidential primaries Nov. 6, announcing endorsements from some fourscore tribal leaders and individuals and detailing a platform of support for tribal sovereignty, government-to-government consultation, and the federal trust responsibility toward tribes.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

FY 2007 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program

The purpose of the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants is to fund fire prevention activities and to research and develop improvements to firefighter safety. Fire prevention grants are designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of deaths and injuries caused by fire and related hazards. Fire Prevention and Safety grants are separated into two "activities". The projects that can be funded are listed below: (1) Fire Prevention and Safety: Applicants can apply for up to three projects. Public education campaigns, Smoke Alarms, Sprinkler Awareness, Code Enforcement/Awareness, Firefighter Safety, Training, Wildfire Prevention /Awareness, Arson Prevention/Awareness, Risk Assessment, General Prevention/Awareness. Applicants requesting Risk Assessments are precluded for applying for additional projects. Fire departments are subject to the same cost-share requirements as under the AFG Grants. (2) Firefighter Safety Research and Development: Applicants can apply for a grant with up to a three year period of performance, but limited to \$1 million per application. Link to Full Announcement: www.firegrantsupport.com

GARRETT A. MORGAN TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION PROGRAM (GAMTTEP)

Potential Sources Sought. This is not a RFP/RFA. This is not an RFP/RFA. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is conducting a market survey to identify potential sources that are capable of supporting the Department of Transportation's Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Education Program (GAMTTEP). The purpose of this program is to improve the preparation of students, particularly women and minorities, in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through curriculum development and other activities related to transportation. Parties interested in this effort must be capable of conducting programs to improve students' STEM skills at the elementary and secondary school levels (kindergarten through 12th grades (K-12)). Each program should be capable of enhancing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at the elementary and secondary school level through such means as: (A) Internships that offer students experience in the transportation field; (B) Programs that allow students to spend time observing scientists and engineers in the transportation field; and (C) Developing relevant curriculum that uses examples and problems related to transportation. These

programs will also assist in building the capacity of educational agencies to plan, implement, sustain, and evaluate transportation education activities in order to facilitate interest in the field of transportation and ultimately supply skilled employees needed for the future transportation workforce. Eligibility to participate in this program is limited to Local educational agencies (LEAs) and State educational agencies (SEAs).

Long Range Broad Agency Announcement for DHS Science & Technology

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation. The BAA is available via the FedBizOpps website(<http://www.fedbizopps.gov/>) and posted on the HSARPA (<http://www.hsarpabaa.com>) website. Please review the document in its entirety, and submit specific inquiries to the BAA email address (BAA08-01@dhs.gov). DHS S&T is interested in receiving proposals for Long Range Science and Technology Projects and innovative prototypes which offer potential for advancement and improvement of homeland security missions and operations.

Rapid Technology Application Program (RTAP) - Explosives Detection

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation. The BAA is available via the FedBizOpps website(<http://www.fedbizopps.gov/>) and posted on the HSARPA (<http://www.hsarpabaa.com>) website. Please review the document in its entirety, and submit specific inquiries to the BAA email address (BAA08-03@dhs.gov). DHS S&T is initiating the second Rapid Technology Application Program BAA to meet the expressed rapid technology development needs of emergency responders and internal DHS customers. The RTAP will facilitate a number of S&T's goals, including: 1) Fulfilling the expressed needs of emergency responders and internal DHS customers for rapid prototype technology developments; and 2) Producing advanced technology prototypes 6-18 months after award of contracts. Under this BAA DHS is soliciting white papers for the rapid prototyping of systems for Explosives Detection. More specifically, an explosives detection portal is being solicited and is captured by the following BAA Topic:

EVENTS/TRAINING:

2007 CULTURAL DIVERSITY TRAINING

"How to work effectively with Indian Nations and Tribal Members"

*Helena Regional Airport
December 5, 2007
8:00 am to 5:00 pm*

Join us for a unique day of cultural diversity training! This annual training is provided to state employees and the public on the legal, social, economic, and cultural issues of concern to Montana's Tribal Nations. The Governor's Office of Indian Affairs is asking that you share this announcement with the appropriate staff within your agency or other interested individuals.

The training will be held at the Helena Regional Airport, 2850 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT. The registration fee is \$100 which covers the participant's breakfast, lunch, snacks and training materials.

Our keynote speaker this year is Sam Mc Cracken, Native American Business Manager for the Nike Corporation and the inspiration behind the Nike Air Native N7 shoe.

Also, please join us for a movie (Smoke Signals) and popcorn on December 4th at 7 pm in the DPHHS Auditorium, 111 Sanders, Helena! See you there!

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